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To whom it may concern

Managing Temporary & Preliminary Notices with ADMIRALTY INFORMATION OVERLAY (AIO)

To comply with SOLAS Chapter V, the vessel should consider all available navigational information relevant to the passage. Appropriate scale, accurate and up-to-date charts are to be used for the intended passage, as well as any relevant temporary Notices to Mariners.

The AIO is an additional digital dataset that is provided to ADMIRALTY Vector Chart Service (AVCS) customers. It is designed to display temporary and preliminary information over ENC's in ECDIS and other chart display systems to assist with passage planning.

Most countries now include temporary information in their ENC's and it is received on the vessel as a normal ENC update or new edition. Some nations do not describe the information as 'temporary' or 'preliminary' in the ENC's; they simply issue updates as required.

The T&P policies of AVCS countries can be found online at admiralty.co.uk/avcs and in the INFO folder of AVCS and AIO discs.

The ECDIS Route Assessment tools will automatically assess the temporary information in ENC's because it appears as standard ENC objects and can be accessed from the ECDIS pick reports. Where the information is encoded in the ENC, digital chart users do not need to refer to ADMIRALTY T&P NMs that have been issued for paper charts.

AIO provides ADMIRALTY T&Ps where the ENC's do not contain temporary information, and where there is ADMIRALTY paper chart coverage. To avoid duplication, AIO does not show ADMIRALTY paper T&Ps where the producer nation includes temporary information in their ENC's.